

IN THE CLAIMS

1. – 7. (CANCELLED)

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A ~~seed~~ composition comprising a ~~crop seed~~ cut potato piece and coating, said coating comprising a peptide-polysaccharide complex comprising a peptide and a polysaccharide, wherein said peptide is zein, and wherein said peptide is present in an amount of 2-90% by weight of the dry weight of the total peptide-polysaccharide complex and the polysaccharide is present in an amount of 10-98% by weight of the dry weight of the peptide-polysaccharide complex.

9. (ORIGINAL) The composition of claim 8, wherein the peptide is present in an amount of 2-30% by weight of the dry weight of the peptide polysaccharide complex and the polysaccharide is present in an amount of 70-98% by weight of the dry weight of the peptide-polysaccharide complex.

10. – 15. (CANCELLED)

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~method~~ composition of claim ~~15~~ 8, wherein the polysaccharide is a cellulosic derivative.

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~method~~ composition of claim 16, wherein the cellulosic derivative is selected from a group consisting of carboxymethylcellulose, methylcellulose, hydroxypropyl cellulose, hydroxypropyl methycellulose, and microcrystalline cellulose.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~method~~ composition of ~~claims 1, 2 or 3~~ claim 8, wherein the polysaccharide is starch or a starch derivative.

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~method~~ composition of ~~claims 1, 2 or 3~~ claim 8, wherein the polysaccharide is pectin.

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~method~~ composition of ~~claims 1, 2 or 3~~ claim 8,
wherein the polysaccharide is derived from an exudates gum polysaccharide.